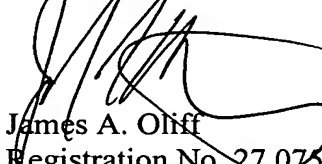


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 3 is amended to eliminate multiple dependency. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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